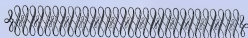


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TO

Explain and amend the Acts relating to Lunatic Asylums in Ireland.

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the First and Second Years of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to make more effectual Provision for the Establishment of Asylums for the Lunatic Poor and for the Custody of Insane Persons charged with Offences in Ireland;" and the said Act was amended by the following Acts; that is to say, an Act of the Session holden in the Sixth Year of His Majesty King George the Fourth, Chapter Fifty-four; an Act of the Session holden in the Seventh Year of His Majesty King George the Fourth, Chapter Fourteen; an Act of the Session holden in the Eleventh Year of His Majesty, King George the Fourth, Chapter Twenty-two; an Act of the Session holden in the Eighth and Ninth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and seven; an Act of the Session holden in the Ninth and Tenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and fifteen; and an Act of the Session holden in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and nine: And whereas since the passing of the first-recited Act the successive Lords Lieutenant of Ireland have appointed Officers of the said Asylums, but Doubts have arisen as to the Authority to make such Appointments, and it

Preamble.
1 & 2 G. 4. c. 33.
6 G. 4. c. 54.
7 G. 4. c. 14.
11 G. 4. & 1 W. 4. c. 22.
8 & 9 Vict. c. 107.
9 & 10 Vict. c. 115.
18 & 19 Vict. c. 100.

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is expedient to remove such Doubts, and to explain and amend the said Acts: Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows :

Short Title
of Act.

I. In citing this Act for any Purpose whatever it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The Lunatic Asylums, Ireland, Act, 1856."

Interpre-
tation of
Terms.

II. In the Interpretation of this Act, save where there is anything in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction, the Words "Lord Lieutenant" shall mean and include the Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland; the Words "Lord Lieutenant and Council" shall mean the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland, by and with the Advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council in Ireland; "Asylums" shall mean "Asylums for the Lunatic Poor" established under the said recited Acts; and the Word "Officer" shall mean and include Managers, Chaplains, Physicians, Surgeons, Apothecaries, Matrons, Attendants, and Servants.

Appoint-
ment of
Officers for
Asylums
heretofore
made to be
valid.

III. All Appointments of Officers for such Asylums, and all Salaries of such Officers fixed or granted, and all Matters and Things heretofore done by the Lord Lieutenant or by the Lord Lieutenant and Council, with respect to such Appointments, shall be and remain good, valid, and effectual, but subject to the Powers and Provisions herein-after contained.

Lord Lieu-
tenant and
Council to
fix Estab-
lishment.

IV. The Lord Lieutenant and Council shall from Time to Time, in the Case of every such Asylum established or to be hereafter established, fix and determine the Number and Description of Officers for every such Asylum.

Governors
to fix Sala-
ries.

V. The Governors of such Asylums shall from Time to Time, subject to the Approbation of the Lord Lieutenant in Council, fix the Salaries to be paid to such Officers respectively; but if the Governors shall neglect so to do, or if the Lord Lieutenant in Council shall disapprove of the Salary proposed for any Officer, it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant in Council to fix and determine the same.

Governors
may alter
Salaries.

VI. It shall be lawful for the Governors, with the Approval of the Lord Lieutenant in Council, from Time to Time to alter the Salaries to be paid to such Officers respectively.

Manager,
Matron, and
Physician
appointed by
Lord Lieu-
tenant.

VII. The Manager, Matron, and Visiting Physician of every such Asylum shall be from Time to Time appointed by the Lord Lieutenant, and, whether now holding Office or hereafter to be appointed, shall be removable at the Pleasure of the Lord Lieutenant.

VIII. All

VIII. All Officers of every such Asylum, other than the Manager, Matron, and Visiting Physician shall be from Time to Time appointed by the Governors, and, whether now holding Office or hereafter to be appointed, shall be removable at the Pleasure of the Governors.

All other Officers appointed by Governors.

IX. It shall be lawful for the Governors, on the Recommendation of the Inspectors of Lunatics or one of them, to direct that any Officer who is incapable, from Age, Infirmary of Mind or Body, or otherwise, to discharge the Duties of his Office, shall be superannuated, and shall receive such yearly Superannuation Pension as upon Consideration of all the Circumstances of each Case shall appear to be just, not exceeding such Proportion of his Salary and Allowances as herein-after mentioned, (that is to say,) for above Fifteen and less than Twenty Years Service, a Pension not exceeding *Two Thirds* of his Salary and Allowances, and for above Twenty Years Service a Pension not exceeding his Salary and Allowances.

Superannuation of Officers.

X. The several Salaries and Superannuation Pensions now or hereafter to become payable shall respectively be advanced, paid, presented for, and raised in like Manner as any other Monies advanced or raised for supporting and maintaining such Asylums respectively under the said recited Acts or any of them.

Salaries and Superannuation Pensions, how to be raised, &c.

XI. Whereas Pauper Lunatics only can now by Law be admitted into any such District Lunatic Asylum, and there are others of the industrious Classes suffering from Insanity who may be benefited by Treatment in Lunatic Asylums, but whose Relatives are unable to meet the Expense of Private Asylums, and are not willing to accept gratuitous Relief, and it is expedient that some Provision should be made for such Classes: Be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governors of any District Lunatic Asylum (subject to any Orders to be made by the Lord Lieutenant in Council) to receive as inmates any Persons not coming under the Description of Pauper Lunatics (but to be treated in all respects as if Pauper Lunatics, Clothing only excepted), on such Terms as to Payment or otherwise as to the Governors shall seem proper, and the Monies so received as Payment for such Persons shall be applied to the Support and Maintenance of such Asylums.

Provision for Lunatics not Paupers.

XII. It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant in Council from Time to Time to make any General or Special Orders regulating the Admission of such Lunatics not coming under the Description of Paupers, or prohibiting the Admission of such Persons.

Lord Lieutenant may by Orders regulate Admissions of Non-pauper Lunatics. Construction.

XIII. This Act and the said recited Acts shall be construed together as if One Act.

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